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Never Forget!



Maj. Chuck Boothe

CAFB Milestone

The Aviation Leadership Program graduated its first students Sept. 5. First Lts. David Alvarez, (Honduras) Damian Castro, (Dominican Republic) and Daniel Dimitrov, (Bulgaria) completed the 40-week program designed to teach international students the principles and techniques of flying jet aircraft. Another 17 students from Bangladesh, Paraguay, Bolivia, Lithuania and El Salvador are currently enrolled in ALP. Students from Japan and Italy who are here for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training bring to 31 the total number of international students currently assigned to Columbus AFB. For information on how to become a sponsor family for international students, contact Maj. Chuck Boothe at Ext. 7589.

Autocross racing returns to Columbus AFB

1st Lt. Richard Blakewood
Public affairs

Columbus AFB offers people the opportunity to race their automobiles through a timed course on Sept. 20 in the second autocross event of the year.

“This will be a great opportunity for people to test the handling limits of their car in a controlled and safe environment,” said Major Brian Henderson, event coordinator.

The autocross event is a driving skill contest that emphasizes the driver’s ability and the car’s handling characteristics. Participants navigate a course that is designated by traffic cones on a low hazard location, such as a parking lot or inactive airstrip. This event will use the Strategic Air Command ramp.

All vehicles must pass a technical safety inspection, and all drivers must wear helmets. Entry fees for the competition are \$20 for Sports Car Club of America members and Columbus AFB personnel, and \$25 for everyone else. Drivers must have a valid, full-privilege drivers license in

order to register. Online registration and detailed event information is at www.msscca.org.

Non-Department of Defense cardholders who wish to participate must pre-register online. Technical inspection for pre-registered vehicles is at the Columbus AFB visitors’ center from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 20. Non-DOD cardholders who want to watch the event can get a one-day BLAZE special events pass from the visitors’ center.

The gates will open for participants at 7 a.m. Sept. 20, and registration and technical inspections will run from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Driving will begin at 10 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m. with a trophy presentation and course clean-up.

“While speeds are no greater than those normally encountered in legal highway driving, the combination of concentration and car feedback creates an adrenaline-pumping experience,” said Major Henderson. “It is like being in a movie chase scene, only you are holding onto the steering wheel instead of a box of popcorn!”

Services will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks on site. Portable restrooms will also be provided.



2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore

Drivers wait their turns to run the cone course during Sports Car Club of America’s June autocross at Columbus AFB. The event returns Sept. 20.

NEWS BRIEFS

Trail, road closure

The walking trails and road to SAC Lake are closed through Monday for tree thinning around Camp Readiness. Personnel will not be permitted in the area during this time.

For more information, call Frank Lockhart at Ext. 3130.

Hunting safety

A mandatory safety briefing for all sportsmen participating in the upcoming Columbus AFB hunting season is scheduled for 10 a.m. today and Sept. 26 at the Military Personnel Flight building in room 222.

On-base hunting is open only to active duty, reserve, retired or civil service. Fees are \$10 for E-1 to E-5, and \$20 for E-6 and above, civil service and retirees. Payments can be made in advance at the finance office in the MPF building.

For more information, call Ext. 7942.

Habitat for Humanity dedication

The Habitat for Humanity house built by Columbus AFB volunteers will be dedicated in a ceremony scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday.

For more information or directions call Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bachant at Ext. 2781.

Enlisted dorms dinner

The monthly enlisted dorms dinner is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday at the Chapel. The menu is lasagna with side dishes, salads, desserts and cold drinks.

For more information or to register call Ext. 2500.

Free movie preview

“The Fighting Temptations,” starring Cuba Gooding Jr, will show at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the base theater. Free tickets to the movie are available at the base exchange today and at the theater on show days.

Commander’s call

The wing commander’s call is scheduled for 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday at the theater. Attendance at one event is mandatory. For more information call Ext. 7001.

USAF Marathon caravan

A carpool caravan to Dayton, Ohio is scheduled to leave at 7 a.m. Thursday from the community center.

For information call Tech. Sgt. Bill McKeon at Ext. 7763.

POW/MIA retreat ceremony

A POW/MIA retreat ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. Sept. 19 at the ceremonial plaza.

For more information call 1st Lt. Charlene Talafuse at Ext. 2575.

Student spouse briefing

A student spouse aircraft briefing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 22 in Phillips Auditorium.

For information call Ext. 7158.



Rachel Kasic

BLAZE children try to choose between the tropics, Godzilla and Bob the Builder. Inflatable rides, a popular attraction at the 2003 air show in June, will return to CAFB during Appreciation Celebration picnic Sept. 30.

Celebration picnic marks year end

2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
Public affairs

The entire BLAZE team is invited to celebrate the end of the flying year at the Columbus Appreciation Celebration from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 30, behind the community activities center.

Representatives from the Columbus-Lowndes Development Link have partnered with 14th Flying Training Wing Services Division personnel to plan an afternoon of family-friendly activities incorporating the downtown community.

“The celebration is a way to thank everyone for a great year of hard work on the flying hour program,” said Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander. “Despite every attempt by the weather to make us come up short, we’re going to finish on time.”

All BLAZE team members can consider the Appreciation Celebration their alternate duty location Sept. 30, Col. Schmidt said.

Scheduled festivities include live music by local band “Freeway,” carnival games, door prizes, a pie-in-the-face contest, food, softball and tug-of-war tournaments.

“There will be something for everyone,” said 2nd Lt Richard Carter, 14th FTW Services project officer. “We’ve scheduled favorites like the moonwalk, sumo wrestling suits, bungee run, jousting, an inflatable water slide and the safari bus.”

The menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst, baked beans, slaw, chips, soda, water and beer, he said.

Members of the Columbus-Lowdnes Development Link will run a hospitality tent where people can register for door prizes donated by the downtown community. Winners will be drawn throughout the afternoon.

The planning committee needs volunteers to assist with preparation and cleanup on the day of the event.

For more information or to volunteer, call Lieutenant Carter at Ext. 2324.

To register a team for softball or tug-of-war, call Master Sgt. Gilbert Shrieves at Ext 2236.

International student spotlight

Home: Topoloveni, Romania

Aircraft: MiG-21

Likes about Columbus: I really like the training environment. All the instructors are really helpful. And there’s a Greek restaurant right outside the base.

Misses about home: I miss my family and my native town and my

friends. I miss everything; the food, the weather, and being able to understand every single word.



Lancer



2nd Lt. Andrei Costache
Romanian Air Force

Reserve instructor pilots much more than augmentees

Lt. Col. Dean Matcheck, USAFR
43rd Flying Training Squadron

You may have seen us in the BX. You may have noticed us around the flight line. You might have us for friends and neighbors and not even know it.

We’ve been ‘downrange.’ We did our part for the organizational readiness inspection. We work with you nights and weekends to support the Columbus pilot training mission.

The Air Force asked for us. Columbus Air Force Base needs us to succeed. America’s security increasingly depends on our contribution.

Do you want to meet someone with two Distinguished Flying Crosses? Come visit us. Do you wonder what it’s like to fly in high-intensity combat? Many of us can tell you about it. Do you need to learn the details about flying practically every aircraft the Air Force possesses? We can fill in the gaps for you.

Yes, I’m talking about the bright red and blue “Firebird” patch and the 100 dedicated men and women who wear it; Air Force all - and all reservists.



Firebird patch reservists have been at Columbus Air Force Base since 1997, by specific invitation of the Air Force Chief of Staff.

We were part of a small test program at Columbus and Vance to bring experienced reserve T-38 instructor pilots to the two active duty wings. By boosting their combined manpower and experience, Air Force leaders hoped to overcome the pervasive pilot shortage. It was such a success that it expanded to all special undergraduate pilot training bases, and now at Columbus, Firebird IPs work side by side with active duty IPs in each flying training squadron, in every type of aircraft.

If you’re thinking ‘weekend warrior,’ think again. Our 70 traditional reservists (i.e. part-timers) can be found on duty seven days a week, all year long, to the tune of more than 10,000 duty days in the past year alone. Some live nearby, and others come from hundreds of miles away to spend time every month far from home and family. Just like our active-duty counterparts, we answer the call at any time. Just like the active-duty force, we dress, walk, talk, teach, and fly by the Air Force book.

This should be no surprise since 99 percent of us spent many years on active duty ourselves. In fact, many of us were on active duty right here at Columbus AFB before signing on with the reserves.

Over the years, the enlightened and pragmatic leadership here at Columbus has seen fit to employ our talents at every level of the flying operation. Our IPs primary mission is to teach students, but we do much more. Besides flying almost 20 percent of the Wing’s sorties, we are almost half the Wing’s Supervisor of Flying force; we fly maintenance test flights; we are squadron operations supervisors; our flight evaluators administer checkrides to both reserve and active duty IPs. Our members have been tapped to fill important active duty positions throughout the Operations Group whenever our experience meets the need.

And ‘experience’ is the operative word here. The IPs with the most instructor flight hours, in all three aircraft types at Columbus, are reservists. Our most junior enlisted member is a master sergeant. Our average experience level is incredible. All the better to more effectively teach our student pilots to be the next generation of skilled aerial warriors in this time of war.

So, the next time you spot a Firebird patch, come up and say hello. We’ll be happy to help you solve any mysteries about ourselves, what we do for the total Air Force, and why we’re proud to be a part of the pilot training team at Columbus Air Force Base.

Firebird salute!

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names received are kept confidential.

Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

The Straight Talk program is also on the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Curfew, checkpoints authorized, appropriate

Question: I heard a rumor that several commanders have used and are considering using various tools, such as curfews, alcohol checkpoints at base entry points, and ordering individuals not to drink. Are commanders allowed to take such actions?

Answer: Yes. We've had seven alcohol-related incidents on and off base in the last four weeks, to include DUI, drunk and disorderly conduct, domestic disturbance and underage drinking. These incidents have involved officers, SUPT students, enlisted personnel, dependents and civilians. Commanders may use orders, restrictions and curfews to address this significant problem and I have authorized the Security Forces Squadron to conduct health, welfare and morale stops at the gates to assist them in

their efforts. Additionally, in accordance with Mississippi State Law, I’ve established a new policy prohibiting military members under the age of 21--who may legally drink on base--from operating a vehicle on or off base after consuming alcohol. These actions are both legal and necessary in light of this recent dangerous and absolutely unacceptable rise in alcohol-related incidents at CAFB. If you drink it’s imperative that you do so responsibly. If alcohol consumption impairs a unit's ability to perform the mission or poses a threat to the health and welfare of the community at large then I expect and demand that unit commanders take appropriate action.

Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

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Former Silver Wings editor thanks CAFB for

The chance of an Air Force lifetime

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs



I kissed my son and mom one last time before boarding the flight that started my overseas “adventure.”

I never knew that my first deployment would become the basis for what I saw as the ultimate opportunity in my young Air Force career.

Coming from close-knit Mississippi made it easy to get used to the small “tent city.” The hardest thing was adjusting to the grayish-tan color of everything and the 2 a.m. walks to the bathroom. My job wasn’t exactly demanding, either. Sure, I was the only public affairs person there, and that came with responsibility at an officer’s level.

But whenever I had a problem, I could always talk to my supervisor back home, anyone in the location’s wing office or the PA professionals at my reporting command headquarters.

But then OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM gave way to OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM one week before I was due to return home, my three-month Air Expeditionary Force tour was extended “until further notice.”

The Air Force-wide decision was not well-accepted at my location, either. Most people focused on the false notion that we were not useful in the fight because we weren’t sleeping on the ground, low crawling in sand or taking cover from mortar fire, when in fact if it weren’t for our refuelers and tankers, those bomb-toting aircraft and supply-needy locations would be useless to the war.

So I kept my spirits up with the knowledge that I was

in fact a part of something that my 2-year-old would eventually read about in his history studies. And apparently my attitude showed in my work.

After things calmed down and people were slowly released, I returned to reality. I knew I’d done well from the praise I received from my reporting command before I left, but I underestimated myself. I began to get e-mails about my name circulating at the highest PA level — Secretary of the Air Force PA.

“What did I do that was so great?” I asked my supervisor. “I was just doing my job.”

I was shocked when I was invited to talk about my experience at a SAF/PA OIF hotwash in Washington, D.C. This little senior airman from little Columbus AFB? No way, I said, as I looked at the list of the other briefers — all officers, mostly majors and above.

But after talking with my supervisor and public affairs officer, it was decided I would go.

I’d been to D.C. before, but never inside the Pentagon. It was an awesome and eerie feeling, being inside a building that was ultimately part of the reason I deployed in the first place. The feeling was intensified by the knowledge of why I was there.

I was extremely nervous before I entered the conference room, but once inside I never felt less than equal to the other PA professionals there. I could affect Air Force Public Affairs deployment operations as much as any of them. And I’ll never forget the sincere respect each of them showed me.

As I depart my first duty station, I look forward to all the new opportunities that will present themselves. Although I may just be “doing my job,” it will always be to the best of my ability, because you never know who’s watching.

(Editor’s note: Senior Airman Mills is now editor of the “Airscoop” at Vance AFB, Okla.)

Birthday wishes

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche
Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper

In 56 years, the U.S. Air Force has earned its wings as the world's greatest air and space force. Our airmen and our technology are the best our nation have to offer, an achievement that flows from the contributions of every airman -- whether active, guard, reserve, civilian or retired.

On Sept. 18, the anniversary of our creation, remember that through your integrity, selfless service and incomparable excellence, Americans find strength and confidence in the Air Force's ability to answer our nation's call, no matter when or where we're needed.

We celebrate the Air Force's birthday as we continue to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Your tireless commitment, agility and professionalism are the foundation for integrating air and space power into a successful joint and coalition combat operation -- one that has already crushed a tyrannical regime and is now helping to blaze the trail of freedom for millions in Iraq.

Yet, as we celebrate, we recognize that this success is not without costs. We appreciate you and your families' extraordinary sacrifices. Let's take this special occasion to remember the airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the security of America and the opportunity of freedom for those who have never before tasted liberty.

The Air Force's legacy has soared in its short history and greater opportunities are on the horizon -- opportunities you'll meet with the same courage, commitment and confidence that define our first 56 years. America is proud of our Air Force, and Americans are proud of you. Happy Birthday!

Hispanic Heritage Month begins Monday, on the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico achieved independence on Sept. 16, and Chile on Sept. 18. BLAZE team members here identify several Hispanics who inspire them:

Senior Airman Barbara Coats
Fitness Center

I'm from Ponce, Puerto Rico, and my favorite Hispanic is poet Pablo Neruda. His poetry is different; it has a lot of feeling to it.



Airman Denise Gutierrez
Chapel

Pablo Neruda is my favorite poet. Some of his poems are love stories about his wife, and so they're actually true. My mother gave me one of his books a couple of years ago. His poetry describes various emotions and feelings about life and love. Selena is another person I admire because of her beautiful music.



Pablo Neruda (1904-1973), whose real name is Neftalí Ricardo Reyes Basoalto, was born on July 12, 1904, in the town of Parral in Chile.

His father was a railway employee and his mother, who died shortly after his birth, a teacher. The poet spent his childhood and youth in Temuco.

At the early age of thirteen he began to contribute some articles to the daily *La Mañana*.

In 1920, he became a contributor to the literary journal *Selva Austral* under the pen name of Pablo Neruda, which he adopted in memory of the Czech poet Jan Neruda (1834-1891).

Between 1927 and 1935, the government put him in a number of honorary consulships, which took him to Burma, Ceylon, Java, Singapore, Buenos Aires, Barcelona, and Madrid.

The Spanish Civil War and the murder of García Lorca, whom Neruda knew, affected him strongly and made him join the Republican movement, first in Spain, and later in France.

Nearly all Neruda's poems were created in difficult situations, while he was living abroad.

In 1943, Neruda returned to Chile, and in 1945 he was elected senator of the Republic.

Due to his protests of President González Videla's repressive policy against striking miners in 1947, he had to live underground in his own country for two years until he managed to leave in 1949.

After living in different European countries he returned home in 1952.

Airman Manuel Avendano
Chapel

My first and I think one of the most important heroes from South America would be General Simon Bolivar (1783-1830). His victories over the Spaniards won independence for Colombia, Bolivia, Panama, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. He is called El Libertador (The Liberator) and the "George Washington of South America."



I look up to him because he was someone who loved his land and his people, and he gave his life for what he believed in (just like I will do someday). If dictators and presidents that came into power after him had followed his political ideas, the Republic of Colombia (now Colombia, Panama, Ecuador, Venezuela) would be a very advanced country right now.

The second person that I admire is Shakira. She is talented, beautiful, and proud to be Colombian. She started out doing what she loves and giving 150 percent in everything, then got recognized for it. That's pretty much what I'm trying to do with my life right now.



Simon Bolivar (1783-1830) was born July 24, 1783, at Caracas, Venezuela. His parents died when he was a child and he inherited a fortune. As a young man, he traveled in Europe.

As he returned to Venezuela, Bolivar joined the group of patriots that seized Caracas in 1810 and proclaimed independence from Spain.

He went to Great Britain in search of aid, but could get only a promise of British neutrality. When he returned to Venezuela, and took command of a patriot army, he recaptured Caracas in 1813 from the Spaniards.

He captured Bogota in 1814. The patriots, however, lacked men and supplies, and new defeats led Bolivar to flee to Jamaica.

In Haiti he gathered a force that landed in Venezuela in 1816, and took Angostura (now Ciudad Bolivar).

He defeated the Spaniards in Boyar in 1819, liberating the territory of Colombia.

He then returned to Angostura and led the congress that organized the original republic of Colombia (now Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, and Venezuela). Bolivar became its first president on Dec. 17, 1819.

Bolivar crushed the Spanish army at Carabobo in Venezuela on June 24, 1821. Next, he marched into Ecuador and added that territory to the new Colombian republic.

In 1822, Bolivar became dictator of Peru. His army won a victory over the Spaniards at Auacucho in 1824.

Upper Peru became a separate state, named Bolivia in Bolivar's honor, in 1825. The constitution, which he drew up for Bolivia, is one of his most important political pronouncements.

Airman 1st Class Jesus Espinoza Ogarcia
Life Skills Support Center

I was born and raised in Mexico until the age of 10 when I moved to the United States.

Consequently, my heroes were, are, and always will be my dad (Jesus Homero) and my mom (Luz Angeles) because they sacrificed, struggled, and endured a life in the United States to provide my sisters, my brother, and me with opportunities they never had.

Also, (since it is Hispanic Heritage Month and not my biography), I admire Octavio Paz who was the first Mexican writer to win a Nobel Prize in Literature and Emiliano Zapata, for what he accomplished in Mexico through courage and perseverance.

Octavio Paz was born in 1914 in Mexico City. His paternal grandfather was a prominent liberal intellectual and author. His father was also an active political journalist who, together with other progressive intellectuals, joined the agrarian uprisings led by Emiliano Zapata.



Paz began to write at an early age, and in 1943, he traveled to the United States on a Guggenheim Fellowship where he became immersed in modernist poetry. Two years later, he entered the Mexican diplomatic service and was sent to France, where he wrote his fundamental study of Mexican identity, *The Labyrinth of Solitude*.

In 1962, Paz was appointed Mexican ambassador to India, where he wrote *The Grammarian Monkey* and *East Slope*. In 1968, he resigned from the diplomatic service in protest against the government's blood-stained suppression of the student demonstrations in Tlatelolco during the Olympic Games in Mexico.

He founded two important magazines dedicated to the arts and politics: *Plural* and *Vuelta*.

In 1980, he was named honorary doctor at Harvard. He received the Cervantes award in 1981 – the most important award in the Spanish-speaking world – and the prestigious American Neustadt Prize in 1982.



Emiliano Zapata was born in Anenecuilco, Morelos in 1879.



In 1906, he attended a meeting in Cuautla at which the need to defend the land owned by the peasants of Morelos from the greed of Porfirian landowners, was discussed.

As a reprisal, in 1908, Zapata was forced to join the ninth regiment of Cuernavaca. This form of punishment, known as the levy, was common during the Porfirian period. However, Zapata excelled in the army, and after a little more than a year, he was released from service.

On Sept. 12, 1909, he was elected President of the Defense Committee of the Lands of Anenecuilco. When armed groups sent by the landowners arrived, they found the people peacefully working the land with rifles on their shoulders.

This was Zapata's main idea: to defend the right of the people to the land, and therefore the right to the very existence of the peasant communities. His insistence and stubbornness on this point finally made the voice of the peasants heard. In a letter to Gildardo Magaña, Zapata wrote: "I am determined to fight against anything and anyone with nothing more than the confidence and support of my people."

Dad would have been proud, appreciated parent pin

By Tech. Sgt. Tonya Keebaugh
53rd Wing Public Affairs Office

In early May, the Air Force launched a program to recognize and thank the parents of airmen for their support to our service.

The program is the Air Force Parent Pin and it encourages airmen to register their parents. Upon registration, parents are sent a personalized letter and pin from the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff.

You can order two pins - one for each parent or parental figure in your life. I only ordered one ... for my mom.

My mom is proud of what I do, but to her it's just a job that moved me far away from home when I was 19 years old. She likes the pin, but to her it's just another pin that will find its way to the bathroom drawer eventually. Don't get me wrong, my mom is a patriot, but she would rather

have me close to home than a pin and a thank you note from Gen. John Jumper.

My dad would've liked it better. He would've worn it on his fishing hat and showed it to all his buddies as he bored with yet another story of his “young'un” in the Air Force.

He would've put the letter that came with it in his wallet to pull out whenever the need arose to reassure himself that I am OK and appreciated in the Air Force.

My dad thought is was a good idea when I joined the Air Force, as do many parents who struggled their way through life hoping their children would do better. I'm from a small town in North Carolina, and worked for a couple years in a cotton mill while going to a community college before joining. He was happy with my choice because it's pretty good money compared to cotton mill wages, and you can retire in 20 years.

That 20-year retirement was the kicker

for him – every time I went home on leave, he would say,

“Tonya, you’d better stay in for 20; it goes quicker than you think.”

I couldn’t even imagine when the first four years would end, much less 20. There was no way I was going to stay 20, I would tell him.

Then about a year and a half into my first four, Operation Desert Shield kicked off. I went to Al Kharij, Saudi Arabia, (and a couple other places) during the war, and I was converted to a “lifer.” I realized then how much it meant to wear this uniform, and how important we all are in protecting the rights of our citizens and others around the world. I realized then that even an airman 1st class in supply (which is what I was) is irreplaceable when there’s a job to do. I couldn’t wait to tell my dad that I’d decided I really love being in the Air Force.

When I came home after the war, he

didn’t want to hear it. All he wanted to know was when I was getting out. He didn’t like the military sending his “little girl” off to war so far away. He had previously thought 20 years was a breeze, but we both realized then that being in the Air Force was more than a paycheck or a way out of Marion, N.C., or an easy retirement plan.

I learned what commitment meant and he learned what sacrifice was.

He came back around after a couple years to support my decision to stay in and was always very proud of me. He bored his friends with stories about what I was doing and where I went up until the day he died in 1997.

I wish he were still here to accept this token of gratitude the Air Force is now offering parents, and I urge other “little girls” (and boys) to think about their parents and how proud they’d be to receive this pin. *(Courtesy Air Combat Command)*

FAMILY SUPPORT

Stress busters: An interactive workshop to teach techniques for reducing or alleviating stressors is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thursday. To register call Ext. 2631 by Tuesday.

Job fair preparation: A workshop to prepare for the upcoming employment expo is scheduled for 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday. For more information, or to register, call Ext. 2839.

Parenting seminar: Readus Linton will present “How to Deal with an Angry Child” 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 24. The seminar targets parents of young children, analyzes common causes for a child’s anger, and presents ways to help the child deal with problems. To register call Ext. 2631 by Sept. 22.

Bundles of joy: A program for active duty spouses who are pregnant or have a child under six months is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 23. Speakers will discuss finance, nutrition, fitness and infant care. Each participant will also receive an Air Force Aid Society gift package valued at over \$50.

For more information or to register, call Ext. 2631.

Employment expo: The Golden Triangle Employment Expo is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Trotter Convention Center. For a list of employers attending, visit www.jobfairs.ms.gov.

Computer studies: Self-paced programs for learning Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage, and PhotoDraw are available. Each program has three levels of expertise. For more information call Ext. 2839.

Remote/deployed briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. daily. For more information call Ext. 2794.

Pre-separation counseling: Counseling is mandatory and may be completed up to one year prior to retirement or separation. For more information call Ext. 2839.

Upcoming workshops: For information on future self-improvement and informational workshops at family support, visit www.columbus.af.mil/sptg/ and click on the Family Support link or call Ext. 2631.

BASE NOTES

Boy Scouts: Troop 52 is scheduled to camp with Troops 1 and 62 Saturday and Sunday at Camp Pratt. For more information call Lawrence Pitts at Ext. 2310.

Bible studies: Tuesday lunch study is based on “The Strength of Being Tender” by Phyllis LePeau. Wednesday dinner studies include “Elevate” for young adults with Chaplain Bryan Hochhalter, “The Victory” for everyone with Chaplain LonnieBrooks, and “Wild and Wacky” for children with Joy Garrison. For more information call Ext. 2500.

Toddler play group: The Little Me Play Group meets from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the youth center. Infants and toddlers up to age two are welcome. For more information call Valerie Manning at Ext. 5370.

Cub Scouts: Pack 52 is registering first through fifth grade boys interested in Cub Scouting, and is recruiting leaders. For more information call Maj. Bruce Robertson at 241-5024 or Ext. 3569.

AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic
Sunday
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass
Protestant
Sunday
9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Tuesday
Noon — Lunch and Bible study
Wednesday
5:30 p.m. — Dinner and Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

IN THE THEATER

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Today
“*Gigli*” (R, sexual content, pervasive language and brief strong violence, 131 min.)
Starring: Ben Affleck, Jennifer Lopez.

Saturday
“*American Wedding*” (R, sexual content, language and crude humor, 96 min.)
Starring: Jason Biggs, Alyson Hannigan.

Sept. 19
“*Uptown Girls*” (PG-13, sexual content and language, 93 min.)
Starring: Brittany Murphy, Dakota Fanning.

ON CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories. Call 1st Lt. Richard Blakewood at Ext. 7065 for more information.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News

Monday through Sept. 19
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.
CLEP Tapes:
Mathematics

Services provides choices for CAFB people



Kenn Brown

Welcome to Columbus AFB

Michele Lee, Family Support temporary overhire employee, and Master Sgt. Mable Brackens, Family Support superintendent, assemble sponsor packages for newcomers. The family support center received 4,896 new base guides and telephone directories Monday.

Library hours: The Library is open on a trial basis from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays. All other hours remain the same. For more information call Ext. 2934.

Fish and chips special: Strike Zone Lanes offers a fish and chips special from 5 to 7 p.m. today. Special includes four fish strips, fries, cole slaw, hushpuppies and a small drink for \$4.75. For more information call Ext. 2426.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. Play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go. Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players. For more information call Ext. 2489.

All-ranks brunch: The Columbus Club offers a brunch for all ranks from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is

\$8.95 for members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. For more information call Ext. 2489.

Football frenzy: Enter to win in the club’s football frenzy program. The enlisted lounge is open Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m. The prizes include tickets to the Super Bowl and a Pro Bowl game. For details, stop by the club.

"Happy Burger" meal: Stop by the Columbus Club Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to order a Happy Burger, fries and a drink for \$3.95; nonmembers pay \$5.95. A la carte menu and take-out orders are also available. To order call Ext. 2489.

Youth center newcomers orientation: The youth center offers a program for newcomers to the base to include parents and children interested in what the youth center has to offer. The next orientation is at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. For more information call Ext. 2504.

Skeet and trap range: Open shooting is every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. For more information call Ext. 7861.

Parents Day Out/Give Parents a Break: The child development center and family support center offer these programs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 20. Deadline to register is Wednesday at the child development center for parents day out and at the family support center for the Give Parents a Break program. For information call Ext. 2486 or 2790 respectively.

Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip Sept. 19. Cost is \$15 and includes transportation and \$15 in coins. For more information call Ext. 7861.

Youth center dance: The youth center offers a dance for preteens and teens from 8 to 11 p.m. Sept. 20. Cost is \$2 for teen members and \$1 for preteen members. Preteens must leave by 9:30 p.m. Nonmember fees are \$4 for teens and \$3 for preteens. For more information call Ext. 2504.

Photography and art contests: Deadline for entering the skills development center’s annual photography contest is Oct. 10; deadline for the artist/craftsman’s contest is Oct. 17. Competition is open to youth (ages 17 and younger) and adults. Stop by the center or call Ext. 7836 .

National Football League trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to New Orleans to watch the New Orleans Saints play the Chicago Bears Oct. 11 to 12. Cost is \$99 per person and includes transportation, one night lodging (double occupancy), accommodations at the Radisson on Canal Street and a ticket to the game. The bus will leave the community center at 8 a.m. Saturday and return Sunday evening. For more information call Ext. 7861.

Quick shot bingo: The bowling center offers quick shot bingo any time the bowling center is open. Cash prizes are awarded. Cards are \$1 each.

Youth classes: The youth center offers instruction in karate, voice, tumbling, guitar, tennis, dance and sign language. For more information call Ext. 2504.

Birthday parties: Strike Zone Lanes offers three different birthday party packages ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$4.75 per person. Stop by to pick up a brochure describing each package. For more information call Ext. 2426.

Special parties: The Columbus Club offers a full-service catering program to include promotion parties, weddings, retirement ceremonies or special anniversary parties. Call Ext. 2489 for more information.



Photo courtesy Jerry Odell

Their geese are cooked


Master Sgt. Marty Anderson, 14th Medical Group first sergeant, with his dog Sable, and Jerry Odell, Air Force Office of Special Investigation Detachment 406 special agent, display four Canadian geese they shot Labor Day on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. Early goose season ends Monday. Deer archery season begins Oct. 1.

Williams Weekend: The 2nd Annual Tennessee Williams Tribute & Tour of Victorian Homes is scheduled for today through Sunday in Columbus.

Scholars' presentations are free. Tickets are required for a Moon Lake party and two Tennessee Williams plays Saturday, and the home tour Sunday.

Volunteers will be at the welcome center for ticket pick-up and sales from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday, and noon to 1 p.m. Sunday.

United Way benefit hunt: A dove hunt to benefit United Way is scheduled for 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday on Carson Road (Hwy. 792) 2.3 miles from Hwy. 45. Donations are \$20 per gun; \$10 for 15 years and younger. Hunters 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult over 21. For more information call 243-4520.



U.S. Air Force photo

Tupelo airshow

The Air Force F-15 West Coast Demonstration Team from Eglin AFB, Fla. is scheduled to fly during the Tupelo Airfest at the Tupelo Regional Airport Sept. 20 to 21. For information visit www.schultzairshows.com/tupelo2003.htm.

BARGAIN LINE

The deadline for submitting ads is noon Monday before the desired publication date. Ads turned in after the deadline will run the following week. Ads can be mailed to or dropped off at the public affairs office in the 14th Flying Training Wing Headquarters building, e-mailed to silverwings@columbus.afmil or faxed to 434-7009. Call-in ads are not accepted, but calling Ext. 7068 by noon Monday before publication can extend the run date of ads already submitted. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as babysitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, the Commercial Dispatch, 328-2424.

Homes

For sale: Three-bed, 2-bath home, 7 miles from base, 1,850 square foot, fenced back yard, .68 acre, \$116,000. Visit www.thedigitalopenhouse.com or call 356-0072.

For sale: Three-bed, 2-bath home in East Emerald subdivision, 1,940 square foot, fenced-in yard, finished carport for office/playroom, corner lot, \$89,000. Call 434-2471.

For sale: Three-bed, 2-bath brick home in Hamilton, one-acre lot, 1,100 square foot, CH/A, W/D hook-up, stove and refrigerator, \$63,000. Call 574-0540 before 5 p.m. or 343-9054 after 5 p.m.

For sale: 1999 double-wide mobile home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, on five wooded acres, 30 minutes from base, \$55,000. Call (662) 257-6369.

Transportation

For sale: 1977 Chevrolet half-ton pickup, 350 engine, automatic, \$650. Call 329-3336.

For sale: 1986 Subaru DL, 4 door, A/C, P/W, P/L, 5 speed, \$800 OBO. Call 434-8605.

For sale: 1986 Honda Accord, \$1,000. Call 328-9313.

resses, covers and shams, \$400; Stuffed arm chair, \$200; IBM Wheelwriter type-writer with memory, \$100. Call 328-9313.

For sale: Red metal bunk bed, needs full mattress, \$50. Call 434-5758.

For sale: Ashley roll-top oak desk, used 1 year, \$400; Navy plaid sleeper couch, \$300. Call 327-1940.

For sale: Washer and dryer, \$100 OBO; Couch, \$30 OBO; Glass coffee table and end table set, \$30 OBO; Dining room table with 6 chairs, \$50 OBO. Call 434-0022.

For sale: Jenny Lind crib, brown, with mattress and assembly instructions, \$50; Kolcraft double stroller, \$30. Call 434-6280.

For sale: Girls' Diamond mountain bike,

required for about 50 hours a week. Previous childcare experience required. Call (662) 738-4787 evenings.

Wanted: Occasional babysitter in my home for one pre-school aged child. Call 434-6934.

Wanted: Yard care service weekly from mid-Sept. to end of Nov. Must have own equipment. Call 434-6649.

Pets

Free: Male black lab, 2 years old, shots up to date. Call 434-8619.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one):	Home	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Yard sales	Pets
Print advertisement:	_____				

Name: _____					
Home Telephone #: _____ Duty Telephone #: _____ (in case we need more information)					
<i>Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:</i>					
Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					
What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News <input type="checkbox"/> Sports <input type="checkbox"/> Photos <input type="checkbox"/>					

SHORTS

Fall soccer league

Military members, civilian employees and adult family members are invited to play FIFA soccer on base Sunday afternoons. Visit www.geocities.com/columbusfutbol.

Martial arts

Students five and older can take Tae Kwon Do between 6 and 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the youth center. Cost is \$40 per month. Call Ext. 2404.

Thursday scrambles

Scrambles start at 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the golf course. Register by 4 p.m. Entry is \$5 per play plus greens fees. Call Ext. 7932.

AF birthday run/walk

A 1.5 mile walk or a 5K run starts at 8 a.m. on Sept. 19. Various door prizes will be awarded. Events are open to contestants of all ages. Call Ext. 2773.

No-tap bowling

No-tap bowling begins at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19 at the bowling alley. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Bowling expertise not required. Call Ext. 2426.

Fishing rodeo

A youth fishing rodeo runs from 9 a.m. to noon on Sept. 27 at Lake Lowndes State Park. Register by Sept. 22 at the Youth Center. Park entry fee is \$5. Call Ext. 2504.

Fitness 101

Basic class teaches how to find target heart rate, use the fitness equipment and get results. Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2773.

Circuit training

Advanced class focuses on the benefits on circuit training. Classes are by appointment only. Fitness 101 is a prerequisite. Call Ext. 2773.

Personal trainers

Certified personal trainers are available to help tailor routines for individual ability, more variety or a better workout. Call Ext. 2773.

Aerobics

The fitness center offers 15 different classes, from step to kickboxing and spinning to yoga, every week. Pick up a schedule at the front desk, or call Ext. 2772.

Certified instructors interested in teaching call Ext. 2773.

Tennis instruction

The youth center offers tennis lessons for ages five and older. Cost is \$40 monthly for two 1-hour (ages 8 up) or 45-minute (7 and under) lessons per week. Call Ext. 2504.



Airman Boto Best

Fun run

Airmen 1st Class Brandon Johnson and Eric Gillespie jog on the track at Freedom Park to stay fit. Both are fire fighters with the 14th Civil Engineering Squadron.

OSS wins 2003 intramural softball championship					
Sept. 2:					
Game 1	CES #1 (14)	50th #2 (8)		Sept. 9:	
Game 2	50th #1 (8)	48th (7)		Game 7	DynCorp (15)
Game 3	CES #1 (13)	DynCorp (10)		Game 8	OSS (24)
				Game 9	DynCorp (27)
					CES (18)
					CES (17)
Sept. 3:					
Game 4	OSS #1 (30)	50th #1 (9)		Sept. 10:	
Game 5	50th #2 (17)	50th #1 (5)		Game 10	OSS (16)
Game 6	DynCorp (20)	48th (10)			DynCorp (10)
DynCorp was the regular season champion with a 19-1 record					